

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year C 16th - 17th March 2019

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12. 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants, he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:20- 4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

**THE ULTIMATE TEST OF YOUR GREATNESS IS THE WAY YOU TREAT
EVERY HUMAN BEING "Pope John Paul II"**

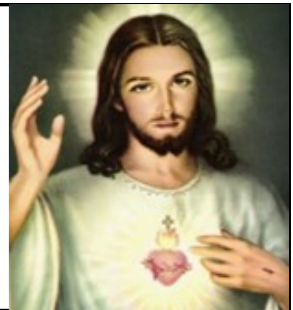


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God In My Heart

Last week, the wilderness was the scene of the Gospel. This week a mountain and cloud are the location of the narrative.

In Scripture, mountains are places in which sacred encounters and divine revelations occurred. Moses and Elijah received unique experiences of God and their commissioning to God's people on mountain peaks.

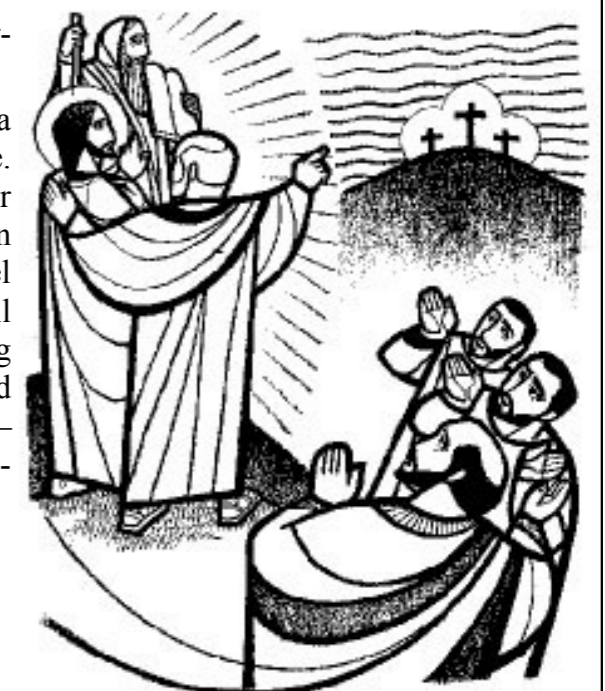
For Jesus, the mountain is already a place of encounter with God, a place of prayer. Jesus takes three of his disciples up a mountain where they experience Jesus as never before. His face becomes radiant with light and his clothes become dazzling white. Elijah and Moses, key prophetic figures of Israel, "appear" and enter into dialogue with Jesus, endorsing him as a Chosen One. Peter is overwhelmed and wants to hold onto this ecstatic experience, "Master, it's wonderful to be here. Let us set up tents - one for you, one for Elijah and one for Moses."

They then hear the voice of God acknowledging Jesus as the Beloved Son and urging them to open their hearts to listen to him, as they leave the mountain to accompany him on his journey towards the cross.

Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional mountain experience. This may come through perceiving the love of God shining through the kindness and faithful love of another. If might come in quiet reflective moments, when we can let go of the cares of the day and open our hearts to take in the preciousness of life itself and the strength that comes from our faith, knowing that the love of God is always with us. But we can't stay on the mountain in devotional solitude: sooner or later we must continue on the way of Jesus: facing the challenges of life but reflecting God's love in our families, neighbourhoods and to the suffering, poor and belittled in our world.

A seven year old boy was having a sleepover at his grandparents' place. After sharing a story the grandmother asked, "Would you like the light on in case you wake up? If you do and feel afraid, look at the light and you'll know that God is near you, loving you". "No thanks Gran", he replied and tapped his chest. "God is in here - in my heart! When I get scared I remember that. Good night!"

**"There is one true shrine of God
and that is the Listening heart"**
Patricia Stevenson RSJ



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday
(English) & Friday (Italian) after
9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Welcome to Deacon Chanthavong Anisong (Toub) SVD



My name is Toub. I was born in Laos and raised in a Catholic family. I trained in a college to be a teacher in a public high school. I taught for some years and also volunteered to teach catechism in my diocese. I entered the national seminary of Laos in 2004. After I completed philosophy and theology, I went back to my own diocese and again volunteered to teach catechism in remote areas where priests hardly ever go. During this time I was discerning my vocation to the priesthood. I considered various religious congregations. I heard about the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD) from a friend, who gave me the address of the vocation director. I also found the SVD via Google. After some months I was invited to come and experience the SVD's mission with HIV/Aids sufferers in Thailand. I decided to join the SVD and did my initial training in Thailand. For my novitiate I was sent to the Philippines, there I professed my first vows as SVD. After that, I came to Australia to continue my theological studies at Yarra Theological College, University of Divinity, Melbourne.”

Toub made his final religious vows on Saturday, 9th March and was ordained Deacon in Box Hill last Sunday. We cordially welcome Toub in our Sacred Heart Community.

Sacramental Program

To parents and guardians of children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Please come for an orientation session with Judeline Wadhvani, which will be held at the presbytery right after the 10.30am Mass.



Liturgy Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting for parishioners who would like to serve the parish on the liturgy committee. Those who signed up for this committee and those who are interested but not sure what it involves please “come and see”. The meeting will be facilitated by Cathy Jenkins, the Director of the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation. It will be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019, at 7 pm in the presbytery.

Dates to Remember

All Fridays during Lent:
Stations of the Cross - 7.30pm

Last Week’s Collection: 10/03/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1306.25
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$625.10
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Parish Prayer for Children

Dear Lord,
We pray for these young children in our parish community as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Reconciliation. Help us to show a good example to them as they learn more about you and our church through our community. Amen



Parish Picnic

Welcome to the Sacred Heart School Ground for our St Patrick’s Day Family Picnic, today (Sunday) after 10.30 Mass.



Sacred Heart Primary School Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2020 school year are open. For a school tour, contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website: <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>
Open Day: Wednesday 20th March at 9.30am – 11.00am and 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Lenten Program - The Person of Jesus
5th March - 9th April 2019

Presenter: *Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD*
Venue: Sacred Heart Preston
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm



Topics

- 19th March** - Jesus is the Free Man
- 26th March** - Jesus is the Healer
- 2nd April** - Jesus is the Teacher
- 9th April** - Jesus is the Redeemer

Project Compassion 2019



For over fifty years this Appeal has been an important means by which the Australian Church has shown its solidarity with those in need around the world, providing funds for development and emergency aid, and increasing our awareness of the work of Caritas Australia. Pope Francis said: “Caritas is the salt, the leaven and the light that provides a beacon of hope to those in need”. This year’s campaign theme is Give Lent 100%. Envelopes and boxes for your donation may be picked up in the foyer of our church. You may return your donation any Sunday in Lent. Thank you for your contributions.

Save the Date!
Oz Rosary around Australia

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th May
Download Flyer: <https://bit.ly/2Cj4Lib>
Enquiries: Jane Chifley on 0476 535 595
Or ozrosary53@gmail.com

Empowering the Family



Have you ever heard of Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA)? CFCA is one of the many hands and feet of the Church at the forefront of renewal. Its program builds upon personal conversions of married individuals starting in their participation in a basic course called the Christian Life Program (CLP). The experience not only places the individual’s Christian life back on track, but also energizes them as they carry on their journey past the completion of the course. They are encouraged to belong to a small group that meets regularly for encouragement and support. Personal conversion continues as there is no short supply of powerful experiences in these small group meetings as well as in the other activities of CFCA. Christian Life Program will be conducted in our parish beginning Sunday, 7 April. Contact Bing & Candy Robles – 0435 759 148, Raymond & Julie Garcia – 0404618 591 or Mike & Faye Santos – 0413 713 973 for more information. See also the poster in the church foyer.

Movie at the Westgarth - “Stan & Ollie”

Date: Thursday 21st March, 2019
Today is the final day to book a seat.
Payment of \$15 is due this Sunday or contact Pauline 9484 2445 or Eileen 0402 448 652.
Arrival time by 12.00pm to register, collect lunch and share a tea or coffee.



Like to join Sacred Heart’s Music Ministry??
Contact Priscilla on 0415061781

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 23rd March 2019

Pauline/Cory
Thank you for your help!



Church Cleaning Volunteers

Again, we invite parishioners who are willing to help clean our church, only once a year, to please sign your name and contact number on the roster placed in our church foyer. Thank you for your help!



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon, Irene Navascues, Dale O’Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Fr Jan Szweda
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Those who have died
Anna Maria & Francescantonio Bellizia, Guido Pettinato, Santa Steccanella (9th Anni.) & Vittorio Torzillo



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER: LENTEN SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Friday 15th, 22nd, 29th March & 5th April, 6.30pm–8pm
Faber House, 8 The Avenue, Parkville
Fr Robin Koning SJ will offer a 4-week series to help young adults grow in their prayer life during Lent. Each evening, he will draw on St Ignatius' wisdom about prayer, lead the group in a prayer experience, and guide some reflection on that experience. For young adults 18–35 years old.
Cost: \$10 donation (or what you can afford) if you wish to stay for fish and chips supper.
Enquiries: Fr Robin at rkoning@jtc.edu.au
Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/375619646502769/>

‘Gifts Differing’

Our graced selves, praying, communicating...This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on that day. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc, the seminar runs from 10am-4pm on 23rd March 2019, at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$60. (BYO Lunch)
For bookings: Phone 9890 1101 or Email: holsc@bigpond.com

Roster for weekend of 23rd - 24th March 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Marlene Vergou Barabara Fitzgerald	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Mancini M.	Recchia I. Roda G.	Tamburrini M.
Sun 10.30am	Marilene Fortunata Ophelia Swai	Ivana Lo Bello Giovanna D’Intino	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Peter Constable Carolina Constable	Sharon Kotz Robert Dullard	Jessica Suppiah